

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DATABASE ON SOCIO RELIGIOUS CATEGORIES

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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any database relating to the socio-religious categories of the minorities exists/prepared in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to constitute a National Data Bank on Socio-Religious Categories; and
- (d) the amount likely to be spent on the creation of such data bank ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) Data on social group and religion are being collected in the Population Censuses conducted by Registrar General of India and sample surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization. These data provide some information of minorities in the country. A web page (mospi.gov.in/national_data_bank/index.htm) for a National Data Bank has been created in the Ministry's website (mospi.gov.in) and links to various available reports on Socio-Religious Categories (SRCs) have been provided.

(b) The reports already available and linked with the National Data Bank web pages are:

a. Tables from Census 2001 giving data for various religious groups

b. National Sample Survey reports dealing with social and religious groups from different surveys

(c) The National Data Bank web page has been created with available survey reports from National Sample Surveys and Population Census.

(d) So far no separate funds have been allocated and existing resources are being used for the creation of National Data Bank web pages.